

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

February 17, 2015

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Behl at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Darrell Pollesch, Gerald Adelmeyer, Annette Thompson and Ed Nelson.

Also present: Jeff Hoffinan, Community Development Educator and Department Head, Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Ellen Bohn, 4-H Program Assistant, Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator, Amanda Hilliard, Nutrition Educator, Bonnie Borden, Youth Dairy & Livestock Agent, Jim Mielke, County Administrator and Marc Bethke, Land Conservation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Adelmeyer, seconded by Pollesch to approve minutes for Tuesday, January 20, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

Behl reported that he attended a State WACEC meeting via teleconference on Feb. 6th. There are a total of 66 counties that have paid their dues in full. Last year only 61 had paid. Was introduced to Annie Jones who replaced Yvonne Horton as the Associate Dean. Capitol Connections is going to be held on Thursday, April 30th – please put on your calendars. There is currently a discussion being had in regards to getting a bus to drive down to the Capitol with individuals from Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac and Dodge counties and having the bus leaving from Beaver Dam. More than elected officials are welcome to attend. Trying to get as much support to attend especially with the current cuts proposed in the State Budget (\$6.9 million proposed cut from University of Wisconsin-Extension). Need to get names of people that are currently interested in taking the bus to Capitol Connection on April 30th.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Adelmeyer to approve the regular meeting per diems.

REVIEW OF BILLS Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Reviewed UW-Extension Revenues and Expenses for January 2015.
- b. Introduction and discussion with Ellen Bohn – Dodge County's new 4-H Program Assistant
- c. Discussion and update on the Crops & Soils Ag Agent position:
 1. Hoffman reported that the position is posted, have local interest. Instructed Committee that if they know of anyone that may be interested/qualified to direct them to the website to apply. Closes March 17, 2015.
- d. Discussion/update on hiring our 4-H Youth Development and Dairy & Livestock Summer Interns:
 1. Both positions have been posted and Bonnie Borden shared that she currently knows of five individuals who are interested.

**** Demonstrated 'hangout' with Committee on conference room wall TV and explained details on how this will benefit UW-Extension with attending meetings from the office vs. travel time and**

expense. Can also do interviews with this new technology.

e. Discussion and consideration of attending Capitol Connection in April:

1. Discussed under Committee Member Reports. In addition, March 3rd and March 11th will be training staff on how to make appointments for everyone attending.

f. Discussion of Private Well Water Testing Program in Dodge County –

1. Hoffman & Bethke reported that UW-Extension, Land Conservation and Human Services are working together to “re-introduce” the Water Testing Program in Dodge County. Hoffman explained how currently individual homeowners currently come to the UW-Extension office, purchase a water test kit for \$3, take the water sample and send to Stevens Point water lab for analysis. If the homeowner has questions, Hoffman will have them come to the office and he will conference call the lab to discuss the results with the homeowner. The current proposal is to have 150 households in Dodge County take their water samples (in May 2016) as a batch sample which then would be sent to Stevens Point for analysis. Results would then be returned to the townships, individuals would come in to receive their results. The reason it cannot be offered in 2015 is that Stevens Point lab is already booked for the entire year for their large group-testing program. Dodge County is proposing, with Board approval allocating funds to help with the expense of the program (marketing, travel and water analysis subsidies expense). Participation by town residents is voluntary, and will be on a first come – first served basis.
2. Hoffman also reported that he and Bethke would be doing water testing at the County Fair this summer (2015).

g. Discussion and consideration to reallocate \$131.64 from BU 6801 (UWEX general) to BU 6843 (Hazardous Waste) to cover 2014 shortage. (See attached memo for draft proposal of program):

1. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Pollesch to approve the reallocation of \$131.64 from BU 6801 to BU 6843 for budget shortage.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Hoffman: Shared that he has a conflict styles workshop planned for April, the program is designed to teach the basics of interperson conflict styles. He reported that he continues to meet with the Executive Committee planning for a county strategic plan. He also reported that his responsibilities with his academic department with Faculty Senate and University Committee is taking more time than usually due to the proposed cuts to the UW System in the State of Wisconsin Budget.

Witzel: Witzel shared the plans for Camp counselor training at Marsh Haven on April 25. The committee works to plan the counselor training. Witzel visited Marsh Haven to learn more about programs there and the opportunities for additional programming. Farm City day is a partnership with Farm Bureau and is being held on May 6 at the Hafemeister farm, highlighting the robotic milkers. Witzel has also been working with committees to look at how they are structured and operate. A few committees are very dependent on the educator and are learning basic committee structure and planning for their programs.

Carroll: Carroll reported that she is working with a group of Family Living Educators from around the state and UW Madison state specialists and professors in creating a companion curriculum to

eParenting® High Tech Kids called eParenting® Little Ones, specifically designed for 21st century parents of children birth to five years of age. Dodge County will benefit particularly because of Carroll's deep connection with Dodge County Childcare providers through her work with the Dodge County Childcare Directors' Caucus. Carroll has access to parents of little ones as the curriculum gets closer to a pilot phase estimated for fall of 2015. Committee member Thompson commented that Dodge County School's onsite childcare/program is also a possible pilot location.

Borden: Shared that the annual Sausage Making Class went well on 2/11 with 48 having registered. Three sausage stations were Mettwurst, Smoked Cheesey Hashbrown Sausage, and Specialty Brats. Pernat Haase Meats is our new partner, supplying the ground fresh meat to work with and smoking the made sausages. Borden also indicated that the beef weigh in will be at Milwaukee Stockyards on 2/28 and there will be no swine weigh in due to the state veterinarians ban because of the identification of a third strain of PEDvirus having been found.

Hilliard: Noted she is actively teaching school nutrition lessons at area schools. She is teaching a series of nutrition lessons at SAGES School in Fox Lake for grades K – 7. Hilliard said she and Becky Gutzman were also asked, by SAGES, to provide Nutrition Education at a family event SAGES will be having tonight. Hilliard and Gutzman will be presenting at the event. Hilliard said SAGES has been a good partner to work with. Bonnie Borden is also involved with education at SAGES. In addition to SAGES, Hilliard is teaching a series of nutrition lessons at Jefferson Elementary School in Beaver Dam for grades 4 & 5.

COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, March 24, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was motioned by Nelson and seconded by Thompson to adjourn at 10:24 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairman